1. (Amended) A recording medium comprising:

a first memory configured to store encrypted content material via a first write operation;

a recording indicator configured to contain a unique identifier at each occurrence of the first write operation; and

a second memory configured to store, via a second write operation, a secure item based on the unique identifier when the encrypted content material is stored.

2. (Amended) The recording medium as claimed in claim 1, wherein:

the secure item includes an encrypted key for facilitating a decryption of the encrypted content material, the encrypted key being dependent upon the unique identifier.

3. (Amended) The recording medium as claimed in claim 1, wherein:

the recording indicator includes a counter configured to be incremented by a recording device when the recording device records the encrypted content material.

4. (Amended) A rendering device configured to render content material corresponding to encrypted content material contained on a

recording medium, the recording medium also including a recording indicator that contains an original value, the rendering device comprising:

one or more decrypters configured to decrypt the encrypted content material based on a current value of the recording indicator, said one or more decrypters provide the content material only when the current value of the recording indicator corresponds to the original value of the recording indicator; and

a renderer configured to render the content material.

5. (Amended) The rendering device as claimed in claim 4, wherein said rendering device further comprises:

an authorization device configured to control the renderer based on a usage-measure associated with the recording medium, and a validity period associated with the content material.

6. (Amended) The rendering device as claimed in claim 4, wherein said rendering device further comprises:

a key generator that creates a unique key based on the current value of the recording indicator,

and wherein the one or more decrypters are configured to decrypt the encrypted content material based on the unique key based on the current value of the recording indicator.

7. (Amended) The rendering device as claimed in claim 6, wherein the one or more decrypters include:

a first decrypter for decrypting a doubly encrypted content key based on a private key of the rendering device to provide a singly encrypted content key;

a second decrypter for decrypting the singly encrypted content key based on the unique key that is based on the current value of the recording indicator to provide a content key; and

a third decrypter for decrypting the encrypted content material based on the content key to provide the content material.

8. (Amended) A provider of content material comprising:

a recorder configured to record encrypted content material and a corresponding secure item on a recording medium;

the encrypted content material being encrypted based on a content key; and

the secure item being based on a value of a recording indicator of the recording medium when the encrypted content material is recorded on the recording medium.

9. (Amended) The content material provider as claimed in claim 8, wherein the content material provider further comprises:

an allocator configured to allocate rendering rights associated with the encrypted content material,

and wherein the recorder is further configured to record the rendering rights on the recording medium.

10. (Amended) The content material provider as claimed in claim 8, wherein

the secure item corresponds to an encryption of the content key based on the value of the recording indicator.

11. (Amended) The content material provider as claimed in claim 8, wherein said content material provider further comprises:

one or more encrypters configured to provide the secure item.

12. (Amended) The content material provider as claimed in claim 8, wherein said content material provider further comprises:

a key generator for generating a unique key based on the value of the recording indicator; and

one or more encrypters configured to encrypt the content key based on the unique key to produce the secure item.

13. (Amended) The content material provider as claimed in claim 8, wherein said content material provider further comprises:

a first encrypter for encrypting the content key based on a unique key that is dependent upon a value of the recording indicator to produce a singly encrypted content key; and

a second encrypter for encrypting the singly encrypted content key based on a public key that is associated with a rendering device to produce a doubly encrypted content key corresponding to the secure item.

14. (Amended) A method of providing content material, the method comprising the steps:

recording encrypted content material on a recording medium, the encrypted content material being dependent upon the content material and a content key; and

recording a secure item on the recording medium, the secure item being dependent upon a recording indicator that is associated with the recording medium.

15. (Amended) The method as claimed in claim 14, wherein said method further comprises the step:

recording rendering rights associated with the encrypted content material on the recording medium.

16. (Amended) The method as claimed in claim 14, wherein said method further comprises the steps:

generating a unique key based on the recording indicator; and

encrypting the content key using the unique key to produce the secure item.

17. (Amended) The method as claimed in claim 14, wherein the method further comprises the steps:

generating a unique key based on the recording indicator;

encrypting the content key using the unique key to produce a singly encrypted content key; and

encrypting the singly encrypted content key using a public key associated with a rendering device to produce the secure item.

18. (Amended) A method of rendering content material from a recording medium that includes encrypted content material, an encrypted content key, and a recording indicator, the method comprising the steps:

determining a unique key based on the recording indicator;

decrypting the encrypted content key based on the unique key to provide a content key;

decrypting the encrypted content material based on the content key to provide the content material; and

rendering the content material.

19. (Amended) The method as claimed in claim 18, wherein:

the recording medium also includes rendering rights, and

the step of rendering the content material is dependent upon the rendering rights.

20. (Amended) The method as claimed in claim 18, wherein the step of decrypting the encrypted content key includes:

decrypting the encrypted content key based on a private key to provide a singly encrypted content key; and

decrypting the singly encrypted content key based on the unique key to provide the content key.